

AUGUST 30, 2011 CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO SPECIAL ELECTION

General Information

At the request of the City of San Luis Obispo, this special election is being conducted by the County Registrar of Voters. The election will be conducted as an all-mail ballot election and every registered voter in the City of San Luis Obispo will be mailed an official ballot packet. In the ballot packet will be the voter information guide, the Official ballot, instructions for marking and returning the ballot, and a listing of drop off locations which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. See the Timelines and FAQs below for important dates and answers to frequently asked questions. For more information, contact the County Clerk-Recorder.

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Timelines

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 1	Ballots sent to Military and Overseas Voters
August 1	Official ballot packet sent to voters in the City of San Luis Obispo. Ballots are available at County Clerk-Recorder's Office in San Luis Obispo 8-5 Monday to Friday.
August 15	Final close of registration for August 30, 2011 Special Election. All registration cards must be received at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office or postmarked by this date.
August 19	First day to begin opening and processing vote-by-mail ballots. Contact Clerk-Recorder for schedule.
August 30	Election Day. Ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. in order to be eligible to be counted. Drop-off locations are open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Drive-by drop off will be available at 1055 Monterey St. The results of those ballots counted as of Election Day will be released at 8:05 p.m.
August 31	Official canvass begins including processing and counting of all eligible vote-by-mail ballots, processing provisional ballots voted at the drop off centers, and completing the required manual tally of 1% of the precincts.

Frequent Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this special election? This election was called by the San Luis Obispo City Council to place the following two measures on the ballot for a vote.

[Full Measure Text – A \(pdf\)](#)

[Full Measure Text – B \(pdf\)](#)

What do I do if I am going to be away from my residence in the city during the month of August?

- If you are going to be at a location where you can receive mail, you can request an official ballot be mailed to your alternate address.
 - Fax or email your name, residence address and alternate mailing address by August 23, OR
 - Complete and submit the [Request to Mail Official Ballot to Alternate Address \(pdf\) Form](#).
- If you will not be able to receive mail at your location, contact the Clerk-Recorder by phone or email for further instructions.
- Remember that all voted ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, August 30, 2011, in order to be counted.

Can someone else return my ballot for me? Yes, the Election Code allows for the following persons to return your ballot: Spouse, Child, Parent, Grandparent, Grandchild, Brother, Sister, or a person living in the same household. **See the instructions included in your official ballot packet.**

What if I never received a ballot? You can request a replacement ballot by mail or fax by completing the [Statement of Lost Ballot Form \(pdf\)](#) or you can request a ballot in person at the County Clerk-Recorder's office in San Luis Obispo. On Election Day, you can appear at any of the Official drop off locations and request a replacement ballot. Your ballot will be placed in a Provisional Ballot envelope and opened only after we verify your signature and that your official ballot has not been returned.

How can I check on the status of my ballot? Beginning August 1, 2011, you can check on the status of your ballot (Issued, Received by the Elections Office, etc) by using our [Vote-by-Mail Ballot Status Look-Up](#).

Is there assistance if I have difficulty marking my ballot? The AutoMARK ballot marking device is designed to assist voter with disabilities, such as vision or dexterity impairments, in marking their ballots. This device will only be available at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office at 1055 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo beginning Monday, August 8th through Election Day, August 30th. Normal office hours apply (Monday-Friday, 8a.m. -5p.m.) and on Election Day (7a.m. -8p.m.). Contact the Clerk-Recorder for more information.

Can I receive an audio version of the information contained in the voter guide? Yes, contact the Clerk-Recorder to arrange for an audio cassette.